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SUBJ: REFINERY FIRE CAUSES SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE

1. A FIRE AT LA LIBERTAD REFINERY LAST WEEK REDUCED GASOLINE REFINING CAPACITY IN THE GUAYAQUIL AREA. ON AUGUST 17, GUAYAQUIL AND SEVERAL NEARBY CITIES EXPERIENCED A LIGHT (24 HR.) SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE WHICH WAS ALLEVIATED ONLY BY THE IMPORT OF GASOLINE FROM TALARA, PERU.

2. TO DATE NO TARGET DATE HAS BEEN ANNOUNED FOR THE RETURN TO FULL CAPACITY AT LA LIBERTAD REFINERY, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

3. THE IMPORT OF REFINED PRODUCTS CAN BE A STOPGAP MEASURE AT BEST. IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO IMPORT GASOLINE PURCHASED AT WORLD MARKET PRICES AND THEN SELL IT AT THE CONTROLLED PRICE OF U.S. TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER GALLON.

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